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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kazuo Sano, et al.

Serial No. 09/879,958 : Group Art Unit: 2673

Filed: June 14, 2001 : Examiner:

For: CCM-CALCULATING SYSTEMS, CCM CALCULATING METHOD AND-

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A CCM calculating system for calculating a blending ratio of colorants based on stored color data, said system comprising:

a receiving means for receiving input data of color specification values corresponding to a desired target color; and

a calculating means for calculating a blending ratio of colorants for reproducing said target color based on said input data of color specification values and said stored color data.